

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An optical transmission system comprising:  
a signal light source outputting signal light  
with a positive chirp;

5 an optical fiber transmission line through which  
the signal light propagates; and

a lumped Raman amplifier provided between said  
signal light source and said optical fiber transmission  
line, and Raman-amplifying the signal light outputted  
10 from said signal light source, said lumped Raman  
amplifier including a high-nonlinearity fiber having a  
negative chromatic dispersion at a wavelength of the  
signal light and a nonlinear coefficient  $(2\pi/\lambda) \cdot (n_2/A_{\text{eff}})$  of 6.9 (1/W/km) or more which is defined  
15 by a nonlinear refractive index  $n_2$  and an effective  
area  $A_{\text{eff}}$  at a wavelength of  $\lambda$ .

2. An optical transmission system according to  
claim 2, wherein a phase shift amount  $\Phi_{\text{LRA}}$  of the  
signal light in said high-nonlinearity fiber is 1/2 or  
20 more of a phase shift amount  $\Phi_{\text{T}}$  of the signal light in  
said optical fiber transmission line.

3. An optical transmission system according to  
claim 1, wherein the nonlinear coefficient  $(2\pi/\lambda) \cdot (n_2/A_{\text{eff}})$  of said high-nonlinearity fiber is 12.2  
25 (1/W/km) or more.

4. An optical transmission system according to

claim 1, wherein said high-nonlinearity fiber has a transmission loss of 0.7 dB or less at a wavelength of 1500 nm.

5        5. An optical transmission system according to claim 1, wherein said high-nonlinearity fiber has a transmission loss whose increase, to which OH-absorption near a wavelength of 1390 nm contributes, is 0.5 dB/km or less.

10       6. An optical transmission system according to claim 1, wherein said high-nonlinearity fiber has a chromatic dispersion of -20 ps/nm/km or less at the wavelength of the signal light.

15       7. An optical transmission system according to claim 1, wherein the signal light includes a plurality of signal channels having a wavelength spacing of 10 nm or more, and said high-nonlinearity fiber has a chromatic dispersion of -10 ps/nm/km or less at the wavelength of the signal light.